

# **“Woodland Christmas and Jingle Bells”: Buena Vista Holiday Open House on Dec. 12, 2015**

(DOVER, Del.—Dec. 3, 2015)—Delaware’s historic [Buena Vista](#) mansion will be decked out in traditional holiday decorations for “Woodland Christmas and Jingle Bells,” a one-day-only open house on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to tours of the home, the open house will include holiday craft-making activities for children, music and refreshments. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-323-4430.



Buena Vista

Located at 661 S. Dupont Highway (Route 13), southwest of New Castle, Buena Vista is one of Delaware’s most historic homes. The main section of the house was built between 1845 and 1847 by John M. Clayton, United States secretary of state from 1849 to 1850 under presidents Taylor and Fillmore, and United States senator from 1829 to 1836, 1845 to 1849, and 1853 until his death in 1856. The home later became the residence of C.

Douglass Buck, governor of Delaware from 1929 to 1937 and United States senator from 1942 to 1948. Buena Vista and its grounds were donated to the state by the Buck family in 1965 and now serve as a conference center administered by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

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